

HOUSE BILL 197

By Gilmore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 11, relative to staffing in nursing homes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-11-272.

Nursing homes shall provide a minimum of four (4) hours of direct care to each resident every day. Direct care to a resident shall include at least three and two-tenths (3.2) hours of care from a nursing assistant and at least eight-tenths (0.8) hours of care from licensed nursing personnel.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.